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MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO HAVE DELEGATION
AT GENEVA MEETING, BUT WILL NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION ON THE
COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION OR ITS POSITION UNTIL LATE
OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOFF CALLED ON ELIE RAZANAKOLONA, CHEF DU SERVICE DE LA
PROMOTION, DIRECTION DES ECHANGES EXTERIEURS, MINISTRY OF
ECONOMY & COMMERCE, SEPTEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS NOVEMBER COMMON FUND
MEETING. RAZANAKOLONA IS CLEARLY THE WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL IN
MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ALL UNCTAD ISSUES.

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3. INFO IN A, B, & C BELOW KEYED TO QUESTIONS PARA 3 REFTEL:

A. FROM ECONOFF'S DISCUSSION WITH RAZANAKOLONA, IT IS EVIDENT
THAT RAZANKOLONA WILL PREPARE THE BASIC DOCUMENTATION FOR
MADAGASCAR'S POSITION ON COMMON FUND. THIS WILL THEN BE
SCRUTINIZED AND PERHAPS AMENDED BY HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR,
MISS EONIE-ILINE GUERRA, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE, OR

PERHAPS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, MR RAYMOND DAMA, OR THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY & COMMERCE, JUSTIN RARIVOSON. RAZANAKOLONA WILL THEN MEET WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLAN AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO AGREE ON COORDINATED POSITION WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN LATE OCTOBER. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL THEN APPROVE THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AS WELL AS DECIDE COMPOSITION OF MADAGASCAR DELEGATION TO GENEVA.

B. RAZANAKOLONA REPORTS THAT PROBABLY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE MALAGASY DELEGATION WILL BE ONE OF THE OFFICERS IN ITS MISSION IN GENEVA. IF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECIDES TO ALSO SEND ONE OR TWO DELEGATES TO GENEVA FROM MADAGASCAR, RAZANAKOLONA IS MOST LIKELY TO BE CHOSEN. HOWEVER, PRESS OF WORK AND STAFFING PROBLEMS IN HIS SECTION MAY PREVENT HIM FROM ATTENDING. RAZANAKOLONA INFORMS THAT IF HE ON THE DELEGATION, INSTRUCTIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE VERY GENERAL, SINCE HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ISSUES. HOWEVER, IF HE IS NOT ON DELEGATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE MORE SPECIFIC. AS NOTED ABOVE, DELEGATION WILL ONLY BE NAMED AT LAST MINUTE, AND THEREFORE EMBASSY WILL NOT KNOW WHETHER RAZANAKOLONA ON DELEGATION UNTIL VERY LATE IN OCTOBER. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO INFLUENCE MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT POSITION, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US DELEGATION TO DISCUSS COMMON GROUND WITH MADAGASCAR DELEGATION IN GENEVA AFTER ITS ARRIVAL, ESPECIALLY IF RAZANAKOLONA WILL BE A MEMBER OF DELEGATION.

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EVEN IF HE IS NOT, THERE WILL PRESUMABLY BE TIME DURING THE FOUR WEEK MEETING FOR THE MADAGASCAR DELEGATES TO REQUEST FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANTANANARIVO, SHOULD US DELEGATION'S ARGUMENTS CONVINCE THEM THAT THEY MAY WISH TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION.

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